

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO. 07-348
v.	:	FILED: 6-19-07
VANESSA REDDING	:	VIOLATIONS:
	:	21 U.S.C. § 846
	:	(attempt to distribute controlled
	:	substances - 2 counts)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 2 (aiding and abetting)

INDICTMENT

COUNTS ONE AND TWO

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

At all times material to this information:

1. Defendant VANESSA REDDING was a person who worked part-time doing clerical work in the medical office of Dr. Evelyn F.P. Sabugo (charged elsewhere) at 450 West Dauphin Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
2. The Controlled Substances Act governed the manufacture, distribution, and dispensing of controlled substances in the United States. Under this statute, there were five schedules of controlled substances – Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V. Controlled substances were scheduled into these levels based upon several factors, including their actual or relative potential for abuse, their history and current pattern of abuse, and their risk, if any, to the public health. Schedule II drugs had a high potential for abuse, and abuse of a Schedule II drug may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence. Drugs designated as Schedule II controlled substances included cocaine, methamphetamine, phencyclidine (PCP), and oxycodone.

3. As a medical doctor, Dr. Sabugo was authorized to prescribe medicine to patients, including controlled substances, as long as this was done for a legitimate medical purpose and in the usual course of his or her professional practice. A prescription for a controlled substance that did not meet this standard was an invalid prescription. Any distribution of a controlled substance based upon an invalid prescription was an illegal distribution.

4. Dr. Sabugo regularly sold prescriptions for controlled substances, for a fee, to so-called patients, or customers, without any legitimate medical purpose or any proper doctor/patient relationship, and outside the usual course of professional practice. A large number of these prescriptions were for highly addictive pain killers and amphetamines.

5. Defendant VANESSA REDDING took advantage of her employment at this "pill-mill" to steal blank prescriptions from her employer, Dr. Sabugo, and sell these to customers on the side, for cash.

6. Defendant VANESSA REDDING would at times fill out the prescriptions for these customers for controlled substances, including Schedule II controlled substances such as oxycodone, Oxycontin, Percocet, Endocet, and Adderall, and would forge the signature of Dr. Sabugo. At other times, defendant REDDING sold the prescriptions with just the forged signature of Dr. Sabugo, or as entirely blank forms.

7. Defendant VANESSA REDDING knew that the customers to whom she sold these prescriptions would use them to obtain controlled substances, including such Schedule II controlled substances as oxycodone, Oxycontin, Percocet, Endocet, and Adderall.

8. Through in or about January 2006 through in or about July 2006, defendant VANESSA REDDING sold approximately 50 prescriptions to a person known to the

grand jury as M.T., knowing that M.T. would use these prescriptions to obtain Schedule II controlled substances.

9. On or about the following dates, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

VANESSA REDDING

attempted to knowingly and intentionally distribute and dispense, and aided and abetted the attempted knowing and intentional distribution and dispensing of Schedule II controlled substances, by selling, for cash, blank prescriptions in the name of Dr. Sabugo to M.T., an individual known to the grand jury, knowing that this person would use these prescriptions to obtain Schedule II controlled substances, each transaction constituting a separate count of this indictment, as follows:

Count	Date	Location	Number of Prescriptions Sold
One	September 20, 2006	450 West Dauphin Street Philadelphia, PA	5
Two	October 4, 2006	5th and Susquehanna Streets Philadelphia, PA	4

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C),
and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON

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